Rehabilitation of Jhuggi Dwellers

†443. SHR1 BACHAN1 LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government are considering to expedite rehabilitation of jhuggi dwellers;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this regard, so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have recently launched a new scheme known as "Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY)' with the objective of providing shelter or upgrading the existing shelter for slum dwellers in urban areas who are below poverty line in addition to the members of economically weaker sections who do not possess adequate shelter. The scheme will enable rehabilitation of jhuggi-dwellers either through *in-situ* regularisation or relocation. The scheme will be funded by the subsidy of the Central Government to the extent of 50% of the cost of each dwelling unit leaving the balance to be provided by the State Governments / Union Territories with funds from other sources or through loans from HUDCO or other agencies. A sub-Component of the scheme also provides for drinking water, sanitation and drainage facilities including construction of community toilets for use of slum dwellers.

Confirmation of JEs in CPWD

444. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases of confirmation of Junior Engineers who joined CPWD as Junior Engineer during the period 1980 to 1985;

(b) the reasons for not issuing order of confirmation for these Junior Engineers even after successfully completing the probation period; and

(c) the action Government propose to take for confirmation of the Junior Engineers without further delay?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Seven'junior Engineers who joined CPWD during the period 1980 to 1985 have not been confirmed till date.

(b) The reasons for not issuing order of confirmation of the above mentioned Junior Engineers are (i) Vigilance clearance not being available due to departmental enquiries pending against them or punishment period not over, (ii) Departmental examination not passed, (iii) Confidential Reports not available, (iv) Period of absence not regularised etc.

(c) All concerned officials have been directed to take immediate action for confirming the JEs who are cleared from vigilance angle and are otherwise eligible for confirmation as per rules.

Upgradation of Beldars in CPWD under ACP Scheme

445. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is compulsory to pass the trade test for getting financial upgradation under ACP Scheme in case of Beldars of CPWD;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to conduct trade test for the Beldars at a regular interval;

(c) whether Beldars of CPWD who retired during the year 2001 after completing more than 30 years service without passing trade test are entitled to get financial upgradation as per the ACP Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A calendar has been drawn for conducting trade test at regular intervals.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The guidelines of the ACP scheme do not permit financial upgradation for those who have not passed the requisite trade test.